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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
**Marcus Peinado et al.**

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Examiner: **Jeffrey A. Smith**

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**STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW**

This Statement is in response to the Interview Summary dated **June 27, 2004**, and is being filed within the one-month period set within the Interview Summary.

Preliminarily, Applicants wish to thank Examiner Smith for the courtesy extended in telephonically discussing the present application with the undersigned on or about June 15, 2004, particularly with regard to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004 (Paper No. 20).

During the discussion, the undersigned expressed general puzzlement at the basis for the Election of Species requirement that was set forth in an Office Action dated January 9, 2004 (Paper No. 18), and also at the basis for the assertion by Examiner Nguyen in the May 21, 2004 Office Action that the identification of claims in the elected species was improper in a

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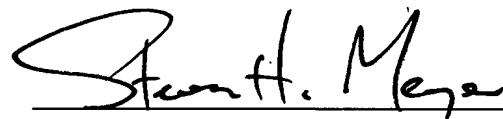
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Response filed on February 20, 2004. Essentially, the undersigned argued that that all of the pending claims are directed to a common species.

Examiner Smith upon consideration agreed that the Election of Species requirement mailed January 9, 2004 and the Office Action mailed May 21, 2004 were both improper and has vacated both. Accordingly, Applicants are under no further duty to respond to such papers.

Applicants respectfully request further examination promptly, and a Notice of Allowability in due course.

Respectfully submitted,



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